

PRIDE PRESS

North Bend Elementary School
Jim Frazier, Principal

May 3, 2007
Denae McGregor, Editor

Dear Parents and Families,

Student Enrollment and Staffing – Changes are currently in the works for staffing the 2007-2008 school year. Currently we have the following positions or changes that will occur next year: Mrs. Kay Grady is retiring and opening up a new position in the third grade, Mrs. Amber Burton Gerth is taking a one-year leave to be with her new baby and will open a first grade position, while Mrs. Edwards's position will not be replaced as to this date due to fewer Kindergarten students for next year. Mr. Tom Fladland will move back to teaching fourth grade leaving our fifth grade with three teachers (this is our small group that has moved through the system). Our new teaching positions should be hired before school is out for the summer.

Thank You Parents – Our staff would like to thank the parents for their extra support these past few weeks with the WASL testing. Your children have enough pressure on them without the added stress of this high stakes test. Your partnership with us is a blessing in meeting our goals and standards. You do make a difference in the education of your children and help in making our jobs easier by your support.

Event Changes – Field day—Thursday, June 21, ESP— Thursday, May 31st , Volunteer Celebration – Tuesday, June 19th , Take Your Child to Work Day – Tuesday, May 8th.

Teacher Professional Development Time - Even though we temporarily gave up our teacher professional development time on "early dismissal" Fridays, to help make up student contact time for the student days that were waived due to storms and flooding, we are continuing this work time in evenings this spring. North Bend staff members have, and will work together on a number of evenings in April through June to continue our curriculum development and training sessions. These professional development sessions this spring are focused on math, science, and writing. This focused professional development time provides us a great opportunity to learn our new curriculums, develop new teaching strategies and lesson plans, and plan and collaborate in grade level teams to ensure consistent practice across grade levels and articulation and development of skills from grade to grade. It is through this collaborative planning and work time, in part, that North Bend students continue to score well on WASL tests and continue to maintain our trends of improvement well above state averages. We will resume our "early dismissal" Fridays on June 15 and June 22, 2007. We appreciate parent's recognition and understanding of how valuable this training and planning time is for the continued improvement of teaching and learning at North Bend Elementary.

Sincerely,

Principal
Jim Frazier



Items to Note ...

- ◆ We welcome to our school: Skyleigh Dexter, Angie Chartier-Forslin, Colby Tyler, and Sienna Mitchell.
- ◆ Congratulations to Delaney Fulton, she hopped 8,274 times on her pogo stick.
- ◆ Ian Edwards participated in the John Hopkins University CTY-Center for Talented Youth assessment **lan earned a State Award with High Honors on all sections of the exam- Verbal and Math.** Very few students earn High Honors on both!!! Congratulations to Ian and his family!!! Well done!!!

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ALENDAR:

- Thursday, May 3:** Grade 4 Harbor Tour, Kindergarten Concert, 7:00 pm 
- Friday, May 4:** Last Day to Make Up WASL testing
- Monday-Thursday, May 7-10:** Grade 5 to IslandWood Outdoor Camp
- Tuesday, May 8:** Take Your Child to Work Day
- Wednesday, May 9:** School Nurse Day 
- Thursday, May 10:** School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 15:** Please Vote on the School Bond
Grade 5 to Children's Theatre, 9:10-1:30 pm
PTA Board Meeting, 9:15 am
- Wednesday, May 16:** Grade 5 SMS Parent Meeting, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Thursday, May 17:** Grade 4, High C to BCC, 9:30-12:30 pm
- Friday, May 18:** PTA -Viva Las Vegas Night—Spring Fund Raiser, 6:00 pm
- Monday, May 21:** Principal's Appreciation Day 
- Wednesday, May 23:** Battle of the Books, at CVES, 9:30-11:30 am
- Thursday, May 24:** Spring Concert, Grades 2nd and 4th, 7:00 pm
School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Friday, May 25:** Popcorn Friday 
- Monday, May 28:** No School, Memorial Day
- Thursday, May 31:** ESP Family Night, 5-7:30 pm
- Friday, June 1:** 2007-08 Kindergarten Orientation, 1:45-3:00 pm
- Monday, June 4:** Grade 5 CKMS Parent Night, at CKMS, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 5:** High C Imagination 
- Wednesday, June 6:** Grade 5 Band Concert, 7:00 pm
- Thursday, June 7:** Kindergarteners to Woodland Park Zoo, 9:15-3:00 pm
Grade 5 visits SMS and CKMS, 1:00 pm
School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Friday, June 8:** Grade 2 to Woodland Park Zoo, 9:30-3:00 pm

